The Intervertebral Disc with Special Reference to Rupture of the Annulus Fibrosus with Herniation of the Nucleus Pulposis. *By F. Keith Bradford, M.D., Houston, Texas, and R. Glenn Spurling, M.D., Louisville, Ky. Second edition. Cloth. Price, $4. Pp. 192, with 70 illustrations. Springfield, Illinois: Charles C Thomas, 1945.*

This monograph summarizes the present state of knowledge of traumatic lesions of the intervertebral discs. It does not prophesy the ultimate fate of current surgical therapeutics.

The authors have separated a particular group from the great number of patients suffering from various degrees of back and sciatic pain. This group is composed of patients with both back pain and radicular pain or disturbances of function throughout the sciatic distribution. The pain is intractable to conservative measures and there have often been previous attacks. There are definite (although often inconspicuous) neurological findings. All cases of herniated nucleus pulposus do not come within this group. Milder cases are more prone to remissions and therefore may not demand surgical treatment. Myelographic studies are necessary to confirm the diagnosis in cases lacking any of the essential clinical findings.

The authors also have assembled the embryological, anatomical, physiological and pathological data to help understand the types of disc pathology.

In this edition numerous changes have been made in the text. The small lateral cervical herniations of the nucleus pulposus are shown to be a common cause for severe arm and neck pain with objective findings referable to the nerve involved. Myelography has become more acceptable with newer technic.

The authors show that much fundamental work remains to be done on this subject and this small volume assembles the pertinent information necessary for a proper understanding of the clinical manifestations of intervertebral disc lesions.

The Technique of Bandaging and Splinting. *By Arthur M. Tunick, Major, Medical Corps, Army of the United States. Cloth. Price, $3. Pp. 206, with 103 illustrations. New York: Essential Books, 1945.*

This volume is a comprehensive survey of modern methods for dressing and transporting the injured on the home front and the wounded at war. The book is for all those who might be called upon to apply a bandage or to splint a broken bone. All technics are well illustrated. Its language is nontechnical, and it does not assume that the reader has had prior bandaging instruction or experience. It can be recommended to those learning the bandage technics.

When He Comes Back and If He Comes Back Nervous. Two Talks to Families of Returning Servicemen. *By Thomas A. C. Rennie, M.D., and Luther E. Woodward, Ph.D. Paper. Price, 15 cents, Pp. 32. New York: National Committee for Mental Hygiene, Inc., 1944.*

This small pamphlet contains two excellent talks to families of returning servicemen and a chart for the returned serviceman showing where to go for what in his community. It should be read by every family of a serviceman, and shows how families can help in the problems of returning servicemen.

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